

**Nova Scotia.**—Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare.

*Child Welfare and Protection.*—The Child and Family Welfare Branch is responsible for the administration of the Adoption Act; the Nova Scotia Training School for mentally defective children; the Nova Scotia School for Boys for delinquent boys; assistance to and supervision of the 12 Children's Aid Societies and, in unorganized districts, carrying out the duties normally delegated to the Societies; inspection of all child-caring institutions and reformatories; and operation of six juvenile courts and supervision of their probationary staff.

Wards of the Children's Aid Societies are placed in foster homes when possible, or in child-caring institutions. Forty per cent of maintenance up to \$5 per week is borne by the Province with the municipality paying the remainder and the Province paying an extra \$2 to \$7 at the discretion of the Minister. Financial provision for children in private reformatories is at the rate of \$75 per annum from the municipality, and \$275 from the Province. For children in the Nova Scotia School for Boys and in the Nova Scotia Training School the municipality pays \$175 and \$200 respectively, all other expenses being borne by the Province.

*Care of the Aged.*—Homes for the Aged are operated by municipalities and religious and private bodies under provincial inspection with no provincial or Federal support other than the Old Age Pension described in Subsection 2 of Section 1. Old age pensioners boarding in these homes may pay their pensions directly to the institution or, if the pensioner is incapable of managing his own affairs, the pension may be paid to the institution by the Department.

**New Brunswick.**—Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Health and Social Services.

*Child Welfare and Protection.*—The Department administers the Children's Protection Act and the Adoption Act, through the Child Welfare Division. Seventeen Children's Aid Societies are operated, one for each county and one each for the cities of Moncton and Fredericton. Orphanages are under the auspices of religious, private or, in certain cases, municipal bodies. All child-caring institutions are subject to provincial inspection with one-half the cost of maintenance paid by the Province. Reformatory institutions for children are reimbursed at the rate of \$200 per annum for each child by the Province, and an equal amount by the municipality.

*Care of the Aged.*—Homes for the Aged are operated under municipal, religious, fraternal and private auspices and are subject to provincial inspection, but receive no provincial financial support.

**Quebec.**—Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Youth, which was established in 1946 in recognition of the importance of stressing and combining all aspects not only of social welfare but of aid and counsel to youth. Administrative policy differs somewhat from that in other provinces as responsibilities ordinarily assumed by other provincial authorities are, in many cases, delegated to recognized religious and private welfare agencies, which are aided by substantial grants from public funds.

In addition to administering old age pensions, pensions for the blind, pensions to needy mothers and grants to public charities the Department is charged with the rehabilitation of youthful delinquents and the prevention of juvenile delinquency.